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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005 in the above-identified application.

As an initial matter, it is noted that the Office Action addresses claims 1-17. However, new claims 6-23 were added in a preliminary amendment mailed April 30, 2003. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment and the return receipt postcard are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that claims 1-23 are pending in the application.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121: Group I, claims 1-14 directed to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 107 and Group II, claims 15-17 directed to a process of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 22+. It appears that Group II should include claims 15-23.

In response Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-14, for prosecution in the present application.

The Office Action further asserts that the application contains claims 1-17 directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: species 1, embodiment of Fig. 1; species 2, embodiment of Fig. 2; species 3, embodiment of Fig. 3; and species 4, embodiment of Fig. 4.

In response, Applicant hereby elects species 1, the embodiment of Fig. 1 for prosecution in the present application. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 12-18 and 21-23 read on the elected species.

This application is now ready for examination on the merits. If there are questions regarding this response, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

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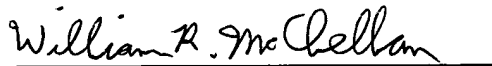
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